

## **REMARKS**

With the present amendment, claims 1 - 13 and 18 - 20 have been amended. It is submitted that no prohibited new matter has been added with the present amendments to the claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 - 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. More specifically, claims 1 - 12, 19, and 20 have been rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 14 and 21 - 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,169,735<sup>1</sup>; and claims 13 - 18 have been rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 14 and 21 - 25 of U.S. Patent No. 6,169,735 in view of GOLDMAN et al.

Applicants are filing an executed Terminal Disclaimer to disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the present application that would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent 6,169,735, subject to exceptions provided in the Terminal Disclaimer. By such filing, applicants make no admissions as to the propriety of the rejections of claims 1 - 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Rather, applicants are filing the attached Terminal Disclaimer merely to obtain early allowance of the claims of the present application. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 - 20 under

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants believe a typographical error appears in the Office Action when referring to 6,169,735

the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by GOLDMAN et al., and claims 3-6, 9-12 and 15-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over GOLDMAN et al. in view of CHOUDHURY et al. It is noted that claim 19 was not rejected based on 35 U.S.C. §§102 or 103. Language similar to that contained in claim 19 has been added to independent claims 1, 7, and 13. That is, the claims now require a telephone call originating in and terminating in the public switched telephone network.

In contrast, GOLDMAN et al. does not teach or suggest such a limitation. Rather, GOLDMAN et al. teach bridging calls from the POTS network to a packet network or vice versa. For example, col. 16, lines 3 - 30, describe how callers can retrieve information from a web-based server using the telephone as an input/output device. That is, GOLDMAN et al. do not use a packet network, located between the PSTN originating and terminating locations, for transport.

Consequently, for at least these reasons it is submitted that independent claims 1, 7, and 13 are allowable over GOLDMAN et al., considered with or without any proper combination with the teachings of CHOUDHURY et al.

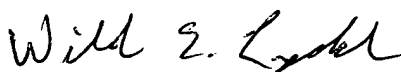
Dependent claims 2 - 6, 8 - 12, and 14 - 18 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is

deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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